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1. About 1,500 meters northwest of Roşiorii de Vede, between the Pitesti-Roşiorii-de-Vede road and the Vede River, is the exercise area for Rumanian airborne troops. There is a barracks complex of 64 buildings, each about 12 by 30 m, of which 43 buildings are quarters, each barracks having ten rooms with eight beds per room. The remaining barracks are offices, magazines, dining hall, movie and reading room. The officers are now quartered in Roşiorii de Vede, but barracks are to be built for them.
2. The commander of the installation is Maj. Gen. Stefan Caliniuc.
3. The exercise area was made ready in June 1953 and since 10 July 1953 has been occupied by three independent parachute sections: 5th Parachute Section (divisionul), 12th Parachute Section, 15th Parachute Section.
4. These sections are about 600 men strong, and are divided into three companies, of three platoons each, each platoon having five squads.
5. On 27 July 1953 twelve Soviet transport planes, type CAM-5, landed at the field. They were placed in use two days later.
6. Three advance groups of Rumanian airborne infantry arrived at the field between 24 and 26 July 1953, and it can be expected that the remainder of the commands to which they belong will follow.

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